

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

**IN RE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION
OPIATE LITIGATION**

This document relates to:

All Cases

MDL No. 2804

Case No. 1:17-md-2804

Hon. Dan Aaron Polster

**DEFENDANTS ASSOCIATED PHARMACIES, INC. AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATED
PHARMACIES' STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's Order Regarding Non-Litigating Defendants dated October 7, 2022 (Doc. 4670), Defendants Associated Pharmacies, Inc. ("API") and American Associated Pharmacies ("AAP") hereby submit the following Status Report:

1. API is a wholesale pharmaceutical distributor based in Scottsboro, Alabama.
2. API is wholly owned by AAP, which is a not-for-profit cooperative of independent pharmacies. In essence, API acts as a group-buying agent for these independent, member pharmacies.
3. AAP does not purchase, sell, or distribute opioids.
4. Neither AAP nor API market pharmaceutical products, including opioids, to doctors or patients.
5. Attached as **Exhibit 1** is a list of the 110 cases in which API and/or AAP are named as defendants that involve claims relating to the manufacturing, marketing, sale, distribution, or dispensing of opioids. The cases listed in Exhibit 1 are those cases for which API and AAP have actual knowledge.

6. API and AAP reserve all defenses relating to those cases identified in Exhibit 1, including as to service of process and the timeliness by which certain plaintiffs amended their complaints to add API and/or AAP as defendants.

Dated: November 1, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 1, 2022, the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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